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DEPARTMENT FOR A/SY/EX, A/SY/FO, A/SY/PRS, A/SY/CC, AND RSO ROBERT BOOTH

E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF RSO ROBERT BOOTH TO TOKYO

REF: TOKYO 8525

- 1. REFTEL REQUESTED BOOTH AND HEADQUARTERS RECONSIDER BOOTH'S ARRIVAL ON 5/23/78, DUE TO PROBLEMS AT NARITA AIRPORT. SINCE WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY INDICATION TO THE CONTRARY, WE EXPECT BOOTH TO ARRIVE ON PA NO. 3, 1635 HOURS, 5/23/78.
- 2. VARIOUS GOJ AGENCIES QUERIED THIS DATE INDICATE THERE IS STILL A GREAT DEAL OF CONFUSION CONCERNING MEETING AND ASSISTING AT NARITA. THE GOJ POLICY, FOR THE GENERAL POPULACE, IS THAT NO ONE WITHOUT A BONA FIDE TICKET IN HIS/HER POSSESSION WILL BE ALLOWED ACCESS TO THE AIRPORT GROUNDS FOR THE PERIOD 5/20/78 TO 5/30/78; JAPANESE POLICE ROADBLOCKS WILL INSURE COMPLIANCE. PROCEDURES FOR DIPLOMATS HAVE BEEN TENTATIVELY ESTABLISHED BUT ARE OF COURSE UNTESTED. COORDINATION BETWEEN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THE POLICE CONCERNING DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES AT NARITA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AIRPORT IS SUBJECT TO SOME DOUBT. IN ADDITION, SHOULD PROBLEMS DEVELOP AS ARE PRESENTLY ANTICIPATED, IT COULD BE SEVERAL HOURS BEFORE ANY VEHICLE COULD GET INTO OR OUT OF THE AIRPORT.

3. THIS OFFICE WILL ALSO BE INVOLVED IN THE RETURN VISIT OF DR. AND MRS. BRZEZINSKI, WHO WILL ARRIVE IN TOKYO ON

THE AFTERNOON OF 5/23/78.

- 4. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, THIS OFFICE IS EXTREMELY DUBIOUS OF BEING ABLE TO MEET BOOTH ON HIS ARRIVAL. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT BOOTH, AFTER HIS ARRIVAL, CONTACT A PANAM REPRESENTATIVE IN ORDER TO SECURE TRANSPORTATION TO TOKYO. BOOTH SHOULD HAVE THE EMBASSY TELEPHONE NUMBER: A/C (03) 583-7141, X 7554 OR X 7651 (RSO); HOME: WILLIAMS, X 407; PUTNEY, X 432. UNFORTUNATELY NO ONE AT THE EMBASSY IS FAMILIAR WITH THE PHYSICAL LAYOUT, PROCEDURES, TRANSPORTATION, ETC., AT NARITA AIRPORT; THEREFORE, WE ARE UNABLE TO OFFER ANY GOOD ADVICE.
- 5. OUR RECOMMENDATION STATED IN THE REFTEL STILL STANDS. IF BOOTH CAN ARRIVE ON OR BEFORE 5/20/78, IT WOULD BE TO HIS ADVANTAGE. PLEASE CONFIRM BOOTH'S ARRIVAL ASAP. MANSFIELD

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